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Instant Run-Off Voting

Presentation to the Rules Committee

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What is Instant Run-Off Voting (IRV)?

- An example of what a ballot might look like is as follows:

Candidates	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Person A			
Person B			
Person C			

Research

- San Francisco
 - IRV is Used for City/County Elections
 - Cost Savings
 - Users Understand & Like IRV
- Burlington, Vermont
 - First Used IRV in 2006
 - Voters Had Positive Response

Potential Issues

- Charter Change
- Registrar of Voters
 - Ballot Tabulation Software Programming
 - Look & Feel of Ballot – Different
 - Alternate Services Providers?
 - Mail-Only?
- Voter Outreach
 - Pre-Charter Change
 - Implementation

IRV Summary

- Advantages
 - Cost Savings
 - Expedite Election Process
 - Reduce Voter Fatigue
- Disadvantages
 - Costs Associated with Implementation
 - Elimination of "Run-off"
 - Voter Education

Recommendation

- No Majority Vote by Elections Task Force Members
- Enthusiasm Among Some Members
- Caution Among Others